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The East German Cabinet Council issued an order concerning the restriction on the use of copper and copper alloys. This list was published as List No. 9 on 16 September 1954 and included all products in which the use of copper or copper alloys was after 1 January 1955. In accordance with this restriction, no copper switch cables are permitted to be installed in radio and telecommunication apparasus; in electroacoustic equipments only current-carrying cables may be made of copper; wire engine cowlings of more than 8 mm, thickness are to be installed only in ships; in motor repair works copper wire can he used only if the winding space is not adequate for aluminum winding. A *pecial ligt was issued for the ship building industry. For export orders, copper or copper alloys may be used at the buyer's explicit demand and only when the copper content does not exceed 20 percent of the total volume of the apparatus.

2. Because of these restrictions, since January 1955, wire mills and other waresupplying places have demanded a written confirmation from their customers that list Noc. 9 will not apply to the respective order.

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